

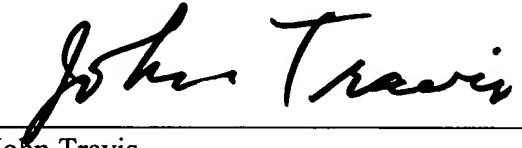
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite any further prosecution of the present application. No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fees or fee deficiencies under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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